

Medical Command

STATE AIR SURGEON

1.1. The future of the ANG Medical Service lies with its ability to perform the dual role of the federal and state mission. While the emphasis remains on the performance of the federal mission, the state mission of the ANG Medical Service is becoming increasingly important. The State Air Surgeon (SAS) occupies a unique position from which the direction of these two missions can be accomplished. This directive establishes policies for the State Air Surgeon which will ensure that the directives of both the Air Surgeon (NGB/SG) and the Adjutant General of the state (TAG) are coordinated and accomplished in the performance of the dual mission.

1.2. The scope of the federal mission of the SAS is to ensure quality ANG medical services, flying mission support and combat medical readiness. The unique central position allows the SAS to know and understand his customers: the Air Surgeon, the Adjutant General and the medical unit commanders and to manage and process the flow of medical information among them and provide inputs for them when the SAS is asked or obligated to do so.

1.3. The scope of the state mission of the SAS is composed of two elements:

1.3.1. The first is to understand the concept of joint medical operations with the Army National Guard (ARNG) and be prepared to undertake joint medical training exercises. The SAS should know his/her ARNG counterparts and be familiar with the assets and operations.

1.3.2. The second mission is to understand the response of the ANG Medical Service to natural disaster or civilian needs and be prepared to respond to them. The SAS should know the responsible civilian agencies, understand their structure and operation, and be prepared to coordinate joint civilian/military efforts.

1.4. The SAS represents the Air Surgeon (NGB/SG) at the state and local level. The individual medical units recognize the SAS as the senior medical advisor. The SAS ensures implementation and enforcement of Air National Guard policy, applicable gaining MAJCOM and United States Air Force directives and guidance.

1.5. The SAS is appointed by TAG who grants authority to the SAS to act in his/her behalf. The medical qualifications of the SAS are approved by NGB/SG. The SAS is accountable to TAG and NGB/SG.

1.6. The ANG Instructions (ANGI) prescribe the qualifications, duties, responsibilities and both wartime and peacetime contingency requirements of the SAS.

1.7. Upon mobilization NGB/SG becomes the gaining command for the SAS.

1.8. See attachment 1 for measures of compliance.

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1 Attachment
Measuring Compliance

MEASURING COMPLIANCE

A1.1. NGB/SG and TAG will measure compliance with this directive by examining metrics in the following areas:

A1.1.1. HSI results of individual units. This report will evaluate the SAS's ability to direct and advise the individual units.

A1.1.2. Percentage of physical examinations returned by ANGRC/SGP to the individual units for missing items, errors, or further clarification. This measure reflects the quality of examinations presented and evaluated by the SAS. This measurement will be done by the individual units with results reported to the State Headquarters (HQ) as a percentage of the total exams submitted.